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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING) :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, a copy of which is enclosed:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
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Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 54-161935, 61-185455 and 61-249768 are discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 4-10941 is discussed at pages 3, 16, and 38 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,882,595 and 6,158,843 are discussed at page 5 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-255072 is discussed at page 6 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 4-10940 is discussed at pages 16 and 38 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,218,376 and 6,155,673 are U.S. counterparts to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 4-10940 and 4-10941.

Abstracts for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 54-161935, 61-185455, 61-249768, 2000-255072, 4-10940 and 4-10941, obtained from a commercial database, are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

FORMAL MATTERS

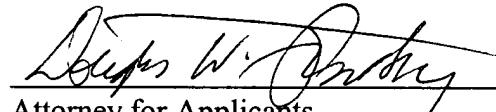
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		JP 61-185455	08/1986	Japan			Abstract
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		JP 4-10940	01/1992	Japan			Abstract*
		JP 4-10941	01/1992	Japan			Abstract*
		JP 2000-255072	09/2000	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		*Note: U.S. counterpart patents also submitted (see text of IDS).					
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